



Endangered Resources Reviews



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Wisconsin's Endangered Species Law (<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/laws/>, s. 29.604, Wis. Stats.) requires the protection of our state's endangered and threatened species and directs the WDNR to determine whether any activity the WDNR **conducts, funds, or approves** may affect endangered or threatened species. As part of the permit approval process, an Endangered Resources (ER) Review is required from the WDNR to make this determination. **If no WDNR permit or approval is required, Wisconsin's Endangered Species Law still applies and all projects should be reviewed for potential impacts to endangered resources.**

What is the ER Review Program?

The Endangered Resources (ER) Review Program helps customers comply with endangered species laws and conserve rare plants, animals, and habitats. The Program works with landowners, businesses, communities, and others to consider the potential impacts of development, planning, and management projects on endangered resources. The Program's goal is a cooperative, partnership-based approach to proactively conserve Wisconsin's rare and sensitive resources.



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What is an ER Review?

An Endangered Resources Review is a formal letter detailing the rare species, high-quality natural communities, and other endangered resources likely to be impacted by a specific proposed project. Reviews allow the project proponent to identify, address, and develop solutions to endangered resources concerns. The letter includes actions needed and recommendations to help projects comply with endangered species laws.

Any activity the WDNR **conducts, funds, or approves** requires a review for endangered resources. A review may be completed in two ways: WDNR permitting staff may conduct a review as part of their permit process or a project proponent may request a review for their project directly from the Endangered Resources Review Program.

Going directly to the ER Review Program for a review will facilitate the permitting process and ensure you are in compliance with State Endangered Species Law.

When do I request an ER Review?

Requesting an ER Review well in advance of when the project is scheduled to begin allows identification and planning for any seasonal limitations which may be necessary in order to avoid impacts to rare species and to allow time for any field surveys that may need to be conducted during a specific time of year (e.g. breeding season).



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How long will an ER Review take?

Regular ER Review turnaround time varies depending on workload, staffing, and complexity of the proposed project.

If you have a short time constraint, consider an Expedited Review (VEER) which is an ER Review completed in a guaranteed turnaround time of 7 business days for a higher cost.

For more information, fees, or to request an ER Review, please contact:

WDNR—ER Review Program

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or visit the website

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/er/review/review.htm>